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Applicants : Marc E. Feinberg

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Examiner : Melissa K. RYCKMAN

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 13, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A petition for a one (1) month extension of time is filed on even date herewith, so as to extend the period for response to June 13, 2009.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 5 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 13 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

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Amendment

Remarks/Argument begin on page 14 of this paper.

An Appendix including new Fig. 12 is provided following page 18 of this paper.